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REF: A. STATE 275806

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1. I WOULD NOT WANT WASHINGTON AGENCIES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE POTOMAC TO CONCLUDE (ERRONEOUSLY) THAT THEY HAD HEARD THE LAST OF ME--FOR THIS YEAR--ON THE SUBJECT OF DESTROYERS AND NEW CONSTRUCTION.

2. REF A GAVE THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE PREVIOUS OFFER OF ONE DESTROYER. REF B REPORTED NAVATT'S DECEMBER 23 CONVERSATION WITH ECUADOREAN NAVY (EN) CNO VASQUEZ AND REQUESTED WE
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BE AUTHORIZED TO RESPOND AS FOLLOWS:

A. FINAL SHIP TRANSFER AVAILABILITIES FOR FY 76 HAVE NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED.

B. WHEN DETERMINED, CONGRESS MUST BE ADVISED AND THEN APPROVE TRANSFER.

C. PENDING COMPLETION OF ABOVE, WE CAN NOT ADVISE HIM THE NAME OF THE DESTROYER OR THE TIME OF DELIVERY.

D. HOWEVER, BASED ON PRESENT CALCULATIONS WHICH ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE, IT APPEARS DESTROYER WILL BE GEARING CLASS, FRAM 1, AND BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY FY 76.

3. REF D TRANSMITTED EN'S REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION WITH A REQUEST THAT REPLY BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 31. CNO'S REQUEST THAT INFORMATION BE SUPPLIED HIM BY 16 DECEMBER WAS CONTAINED IN REF E.

4. I SHARE WASHINGTON AGENCIES' FEELING ABOUT THESE EN DEADLINES. IN MY MORE LUCID MOMENTS I CAN EVEN CONCEDE THAT THERE ARE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS FOR THE USN AND THE USG THAN ECUADOR. NEVERTHELESS, I HOPE WE CAN BE AUTHORIZED TO RESPOND TO ADMIRAL VASQUEZ ALONG THE LINES OF PARAGRAPH TWO, ABOVE, AND TO PROVIDE THE CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION REQUESTED (PARA 3, ABOVE) WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO. OUR ASSISTANCE TO THE EN CONTINUES TO BE IMPORTANT. INDEED, IT HAS ASSUMED A HIGHER PRIORITY NOW THAN IT HAD BEFORE. WITH THE PASSING OF THE GENERAL AND SPECIALIZED PREFERENCE LEGISLATION WITH ITS EXCLUSION OF OPEC COUNTRIES FROM THE BENEFITS THEREOF, WITH THE PHASEOUT OF AID, TEXACO/GULF PROBLEMS, ETC., AND WITH WHAT I DISCERN TO BE THE GROWING DISPOSITION OF THE GOE TO READ THESE AS POLITICAL ACTS AND TO PREPARE TO RESPOND IN KIND, WE NEED WHAT ASSETS AND LEVERS WE CAN GET TO TRY TO KEEP OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS ON SOME KIND OF A RELATIVELY EVEN TRACK. ASSISTANCE TO THE EN IS ONE OF THE BEST REMAINING LEVERS.

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5. I WILL BE GRATEFUL FOR WHATEVER POSITIVE RESPONSES TO REF B AND D CAN BE PROVIDED.

6. HAPPY NEW YEAR.
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